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Submitted herewith are

- Copy of Form PTO-892 issued by the Examiner in said 1. parent application;
- 2. Copies of Form PTO-1449 submitted by applicant in parent application; and
- Form PTO-1449 listing the particulars of the documents 3. cited by the Applicant and Examiner in said parent application, and which were made "of record" in said parent application.

Copies of the publications listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are not supplied herewith. As per 37 CFR 1.98(d), which was effective March 16, 1992, copies of publications listed in an Information Disclosure Statement are not required to be provided if the information was cited or submitted in a prior application. The present application properly identifies prior parent application Serial No. 09/033,789 and relies upon said prior parent application for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the publications identified on the attached form PTO-1449 submitted herewith and make them of record, as in the parent application.

It is further requested that the Examiner return an initialled copy of the attached form PTO-1449 to confirm that the publications listed therein have been made of record.

The references are all relevant since they are "of record" in the parent application which is directed to similar subject matter.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the application as amended herewith.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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